

down to the bottom of the intended canal, which was to be four or five feet deep.

When the winter was set in, the ground sufficiently frozen and covered with snow, the excavation of the canal was begun. The workmen were directed to dig with long pickaxes, trenches running horizontally under the frozen ground, and introduce a wedge; wedges were then driven in the furrows that had been made by the plough when the ground was divided into squares; and the blocks being thus separated, settled upon the sledge, and was drawn away immediately by teams of horses, and placed on the neighbouring fields to serve as masts.

In this manner, he completed, in three weeks, at the expense of about £200, a canal for the execution of which, by contract, he had been paid upwards of £4,000 sterling.—*London Mech. Jour.*

Ber. Brit.—The following advertisement appeared lately in the Bucks County Patriot, Pennsylvania: Mine Host of the Cross Keys sought certainly to receive a good share of patronage; the sharpness of his wit may give a relish perhaps to liquors that would otherwise be stale.

Stephen Black, late of the flourishing village of Doylestown, takes this excellent method of acquainting those who are not knowing over, that so far from having shifted his quarters to the Lake Country, the Cherokee Settlement, or any such or Indian region, he has only removed to the sign of the Cross Keys, the public house lately kept by Peter Adams, on the Eastern road, one mile from Doylestown—a long mile to show passengers, but short enough to all that stir their stampa briskly. He keeps open house at the Cross Keys, and will be happy to entertain all his old friends, and as many new ones as chance to call on him. He keeps all the best and the very strongest liquors there is in the nation, and serves them in the gentlest manner; his friends will be cordially received and entertained in a spirituous manner. Lawyers may practice at his bar, without being disturbed; travellers may stop before they are too far gone; gamblers if they are not afraid of passengers in a shower, who take no comfort in getting soaked; stage drivers to take a small horse; farmers may stop, and not be turned; and in fact, if the whole country comes to see him, they will find things to go on swimmingly, as Curran said of the wags in the Liffey. His stables are large and commodious, and a horse will find himself well entertained, even if his master should conclude to stay all night. Moderate charges being all the going, no man will be forced of his cash unreasonably.

Tavern keepers are invited to stop and take a drop of Exchange bitters, and all who have old scores, are requested to settle up, so as to be ready for a fresh start.

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

Mr. James Montgomery, the Scotch poet, who has for one and thirty years conducted the *Sheffield Iris*, has relinquished the editorship of that paper. He informs us in his concluding address, that "from the beginning, he took one ground—a plain determination, come wind or sun, come fire or flood, to do what was right."

According to an official return, the number of commitments to prison, in the year 1823, in England and Wales, was very little short of fifteen thousand. The London Morning Chronicle calls that year "the heaviest year of crime, England had yet had."

The British papers mention that the trials of the Carthagers, in the province of Ravenna, were concluded. The accused were four hundred in number, and some were condemned to death, some to the galleys for life, and the rest to imprisonment.

The Russian government was completing all its different arsenals and keeping itself in the strongest military attitude.

The Small Pox has lately made great ravages in Geneva and other parts of Switzerland.

Lord Cochrane has been hailed in Scotland as the greatest champion of South American freedom.

A portion of the name of Cooper being lately mentioned in London for a highway robbery, it appeared on the investigation, that he was one of eight living brothers, whose resemblance to each other was so strong, that they were with difficulty distinguished apart.

In New South Wales, there are more than twenty thousand convicts. The whole population does not exceed fifty thousand souls.

At the latest date from Cape Coast, Africa, immediate hostilities were expected between the English and Dutch settlements. All trade is affixed to have at a stand in consequence.

It is mentioned in the London papers, that at Salisbury, forty persons had lost their lives by the Small Pox, a quick having incited them for that disease.

A new Railway of 25 miles, from the College of Durham Co., to London, was opened in the beginning of October. A coach with the committee, 21 wagons with passengers, and 12 wagons with coal, weighing altogether about 90 tons, were attached to a locomotive engine, built by Mr. J. Stephenson, and the engine, from the time of its arrival, has rung through the country at the rate of about eight miles an hour. There were nearly 600 passengers.

At a Parish, wife of Paul Parish, Edinburgh, to Mr. Waterman, lately died in England, aged 61, who for upwards of five years had been confined to her bed by a paralytic affection, during which period she took more than 1400 ounces of Laudanum.

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Gentlemen who favor the subscribers with their company, are requested, when a female customer enters, to close upon her, and stare her out of countenance. In moderate weather they will please to blockade the doorway."

Newspapers from all parts of the United States will be taken to accommodate those who are in the habit of reading them at the expense of others, or stealing them.

HAIRBRAIN, SOFTSCULL & CO.

There is too much truth in the following extract from the New-York National Advertiser, not only as applicable to New-York, but elsewhere:

We have never been of opinion that active trading and mercantile habits are favourable to the encouragement of literature; but if such be to be encouraged, still we will not doubt be astounded, that in a great and increasing population, we have men of leisure and wealth, possessing talent and inclination to cultivate arts and science, and add to the literary character of New-York, but they are checked by the arrogant assumption of that very aristocracy of which the writer above complains. It is the worst of Aristocracy, because it is that of wealth and not of merit. We have many families in this city, connected by marriage—by distant ties of relationship—by association in business, and by that intercourse which wealth creates, which always act together—moved by the same impulse—following each other in the same track—and who, in politics and literature, in taste and fashion, wish to be considered the leaders and saviors of the age. We could cheerfully tolerate pride without merit, were it less vicious, but when its arrogance and dictation we find the pride of birth is added, we cannot but smile in derision, if not in pity. Some of the numerous ancestors of these families were of the lowest order—servants in livery, porters, pack-taking washer-women and clear-starchers, who by great industry and propety of conduct, laid the foundation, in a young country, of competence and future opulence for that very prosperity which now abounds as the nobility of the land. This class pretences to take the lead in literature, science, and the arts, in fashion, taste and amusements, thinking genuine merit aside, and venturing bold opinions and dogmatical decisions upon the numerous occurrences of the day, and the affairs of the nation.

Let it be generally understood, however, that we have a refining, modest, and intelligent class of persons whose mottoes for several generations were gentleness, and who inherit from them ample fortunes devoted to the best of purposes. In this class we have many men of merit and handsome acquirements; indeed, among the sons of respectability and wealth, we have a promise of great excellency; but neither of the above will allow themselves to mingle with the cultivators of science, or tread the paths of literature, when those paths are obstructed by pretenders, who, with pride, arrogance and ignorance, check the progress of modest merit, unless supported by wealth or family alliance.

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Robert Owen has announced that he wants, immediately, at New-Hamilton and Indiana, Artificers and Mechanics in almost all branches of business. Application in writing is to be made to S. Spackman, 21 Church Alley, before the 21st inst, and personal application to Mr. Owen can be made at the Mansion House, on Wednesday evening, the 22d inst.

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The Democratic Press, after stating the quantities of coal already consumed in and exported from Philadelphia, says, that in a few years the coal trade of this city will be equal to all her tonnage employed in foreign com-

The Bank of North America has issued a new impression of *Our and Theirs Under Note*. These notes are elegantly engraved by Mears, Farmer, Draper, Woodward & Co., and are printed on a strong and handsome paper.

A pocket book containing 1,300 dollars in United States Bank notes was cut out of the pocket of a young man, at the Circus, on Saturday night. The young man is from Tennessee. This is his first visit to the city.

Moses Yates & McElroy, have proposed to purchase the exclusive right of vending lottery tickets in Vermont. They will give four thousand dollars per annum, for ten years, for the privilege. The improvement of the navigation of the Connecticut River, an important object, is the foundation of the lottery.

The seven Indians confined in jail at Michomskine, for murdering four persons, on Lake Pepin, in 1823, have effected their release. This is his first visit to the city.

A person lately purchased of an apothecary in New Orleans, a pailful of caloused magne, in which he found \$100 in bank bills.

The editor of the Rutland (Vt.) Herald, says, he has been presented with a potatoe this season, measuring 194 inches in circumference.

The population of the city and county of Schenectady, N. Y., appears to have decreased since 1820, by the number of 205; in 1820, the population was 13,081; now it is only 12,876.

A judgment has been obtained in Lower Canada, against the Hon. John Caldwell, late receiver general of that province, for the sum of 96,000\$, being the amount of his deficit.

By a return of the Schodin of Montgomery County, Pa., it appears that 635 poor children are educated in that county at the public expense.

The Trenton True American, mentions that the public Fund in New Jersey, for the establishment of free schools for the instruction of the poor, has grown to the sum of \$200,000\$, and that there is reason to expect an immediate addition to it of 100,000 dollars, the balance in the state Treasury.

Anthony J. Cane, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Central America, has arrived at Washington City.

The Sheet Iron steamboat built at York, Pa., and intended to ply between Columbus and Northermber, on the Susquehanna river, has been launched. She draws only eight inches water. The expectations of the proprietors have been realized.

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The new board of directors of the Trenton State Bank have required by resolution, that the stockholders of this bank pay to Samuel Paxton, one of the directors, 30 cents on each share of the stock, in current money of the state, on or before the 15th of December next, for the purpose of defraying incidental charges.

A very splendid and extensive building, to be used as the City Hotel, is nearly finished in Baltimore. Its proprietor is Mr. D. Barnum, well known for his capacity as a manager of establishments of this kind.

A dreadful and destructive fire occurred at Boston on Thursday last week. It broke out about half past 12, A. M. in the Hatter's shop of Mr. Wm. Brown, 10 Court st.—Attached to which in the same building were a number of Law offices, containing several valuable libraries, which were destroyed.

It is calculated that by the introduction of the Ribbon Case into Louisiana, the planters of that state would be enabled to make 30,000 bushels of sugar annually, a quantity sufficient to supply the wants of the whole United States, let the population increase as may.

A monument is being put up in the street of Columbia, to be presented to the President, for the purpose of taking the necessary steps towards the removal of the remains of General Washington from Mount Vernon, to be deposited at the Capitol, and for the erection of a monument to his memory.

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The sum of 1172£ has been subscribed in Montreal, for the sufferers in New-Hinckley.

The mail from New-York to that city is to be carried twice a week during the approaching winter.

A. B. Pickle, recently convicted of robbing the mail at Blountsville, in Tennessee, has been sentenced to imprisonment for 12 years in the jail at Jonesborough.

A vessel has been chartered at Quebec, to sail with supplies for the sufferers by the late fire at Miramichi. The Quebec papers state, that she will have on board clothing to the amount of \$20,000.

It is stated that the corporation of N. York has authorized the purchase of twenty-four copies of *Tanner's American Atlas*, for the different offices of that city.

Sixteen Sheep, 10 Lincolnshire Rams and Ewes, and 5 South Devons, have been received at Boston from London. They were selected from the best flocks in the counties of Lincoln and Suffolk, are of superior quality, and believed to be the first of the Lincolnshire Long Wool breed ever imported.

About 60 brick houses have been erected in New-Orleans the past season—as many in the suburbs—besides warehouses, &c. The improvements are estimated at from one to two million of dollars.

The following article from a London paper, shows how rigidly the important distinction between a man and a gentleman is observed in the British dominions. At the great sessions for Gloucestershire, a poor man brought an action against another for depriving him of an eye, and was awarded £200 damages. A gentleman brought an action against another for shooting two dogs, and was awarded £100.

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The petition of the Stockholders of the Salem (N. J.) Bank to be separated from connection with the Steam Mill, has been granted by the Legislature of that State, and the institution is to be hereafter known by the name of the "Salem Banking Company."

The College which formerly flourished at New-Brunswick, New Jersey, has been revived with the best prospects. All the new professors are men of high reputation in their respective walks; an ample pecuniary fund has been provided, and the edifice is large and commodious. About ten thousand dollars is to be appropriated to a library and a philosophical apparatus.

Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa., is so administered and provided as to continue to fulfil the hopes which its regeneration excited.

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Some workmen who were employed at a mill, near Bristol, in Bucks County, Pa., lately gave off (all to an inch) the only board laid across the forebay of the mill, where the water was ten feet deep, in order that an old man, who was expected to cross it, might fall in and be ducked; they warned several persons not to go over it, but the old man, in

feet 6 inches. This is cut in the tree four feet from the ground, which tradition says was made by the Indians, for the highest rate of water in the Connecticut River.

Hugh L. White, has been chosen a senator of the United States from the State of Tennessee. The vote in his favor was unanimous, as his well known character had led us to anticipate.

It is stated that ten steam boats are now on the stocks at the Cincinnati boat yards, which together, will measure about 2,500 tons.

There are also twelve boats in that port undergoing repairs, which will measure about 1,900 tons. Aggregate tonnage of boats building and repairing at Cincinnati, 5,900 tons.

There are now two canals constructed in Ohio—one from the mouth of the Scioto River, to the mouth of the Muskingum, at Cleaveland, on Lake Erie, extending 305 miles. The other from Cincinnati to Dayton, on the Miami River, 60 miles in length.

Mr. Sampson, after 22 years residence in New-York city, is about removing to Georgetown, D. C. There are few gentlemen of the Bar who have studied their profession more generally, deeply, and comprehensively, than Mr. Sampson, and who, to great native eloquence, adds wit and brilliancy, simplicity and effect, joined to many amiable and domestic virtues.

A black eagle was killed near Belvidere, N. J., a few days since, measuring seven feet three inches and a half between the tips of his wings.

The legislature of Georgia commenced its session on the 7th instant.

The Legislature of Vermont, now in session, has incorporated a bank at Montpelier, another at Danville, and another at St. Albans.

On Sunday, the 25th ult., a girl 7 or 8 years old, living at Thomas Waygate's, in the town of Warwick, Orange County, N. Y., was so dreadfully burnt by her clothes taking fire, that she died on the 29th.

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EVENING POST. PHILADELPHIA.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1823.

TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

"Mary—'"Rose"—'"Linden"—'"Serbo"
—'"Milford"—'"Bard"—'"Matrimony"—
'"Departed Chiefs"—'"A. O." and
'"Contingencies," are selected from the original
communications of this week for insertion,
and will appear as we can find room.

The "Schooner," to her who can understand
it,—"To Love," and—"Forget me not," are
not, we presume, original with the person
who has sent them to this office.

If "S." will furnish something like fair
manuscript, it shall be inserted; it should be
always a consideration with correspondents,
if they are desirous of having their effusions
correctly printed, to send a fair and legible
copy, such as will occasion neither delay nor
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experiences in deciphering the hiero-
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OUR OWN AFFAIRS

Claim at this moment some attention: we are
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For the best Moral Essay or Tale, furnished by
the writer, or before the 20th December next, Five Volumes of the Casket, handsomely bound, or
Five years of the Saturday Evening Post, at the choice of the writer.

For the second best, two Volumes of the Cas-
ket, or two years of the Saturday Evening Post. And for the third best, One Volume of the Cas-
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Extract of a Letter in the Editor's, dated 2d, Louis, Mis-
souri, Oct. 15th, 1823.

"Those who read your paper are pleased with its character, arrangement, matter and selec-
tions—professing none but National politics—devoled to no party—its columns are free from political and party effusions; its matter, being of a moral, religious and scientific nature, in which the various tastes of all may find something to please, and its selections are copious, diversified, and judicious—in a word, it contains that happy miscellany of matter for which newspapers were designed; we do not look to them for grave theories, and learned lectures. To fill up the balance of this page, I cannot do better than inform you of the improving and rapid strides the citizens of St. Louis are this year making, in the increasing improvements in this city, and its moral and religious institutions.—Schools flourishing—religion more respected and encouraged—a new and beautiful church of the Presby-
terian sect has been built and dedicated—that denomination, as also the Episcopal Methodists, is increasing. The police and morals of the place improving—remarkably healthy—capital and enterprise every where discernable—every house is full—emigrants arriving daily—our population must be about 5000—a great number of large and elegant brick buildings, and other valuable improvements are erecting in all parts of the city—the Fur trade is flourishing. From its numerous, local and geographical advantages, Mellish has with reason predicted, that some day the destinies of this place may be incalculably great."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"When man, &c., we suspect is not original—To, Miss —, most have been intended as a quiz—your desire of the fair lady would not have been much complimented by the acceptance of such a senseless and unconnected effusion. On the death of Mr. —, —, Philadelphia, we regret to say, should ever have been inferior for politeness to the first four lines are a literal transcript from an old copy of the poor annual who sold—otherwise, turned as fast as clay herself. With this excepted, and the introduction of a few fresh and elegant expressions, the lines are very passable, and leaving a blank inscription render the delinquency more surprising."

"Lovely maid!
Earth blazoned the past she was a
Noble the soil where she's bloom'd,
Thine vies rich and gorgeous toads
—sport know of grue,
Too lovely for an earth so vile;
Pressing the dart that deadly given,
It burns on glowing wings to heaven:

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Sweet girl, the memory of the past,
Like thine, will blossom in the dir:

Such sentiments are deserving of better esti-
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An old correspondent complains of our "S. E. Post,"
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